

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 30, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Claims 1 and 8-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Shigekazu in view of Odaki et al, newly cited. The Office Action admits that Shigekazu does not disclose YAG activated by Tb³⁺ or Eu⁺²/Eu⁺³, but has cited Odaki et al for its disclosure of YAG activated by various doping agents.

Claim 8 has now been cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 have both been amended to recite that the fluorescent powder of the fluorescent layer is SmOn₄- or BxOy₃-, neither of which is disclosed by the cited references. Claims 1 and 9 have also been amended to use proper Markush group language.

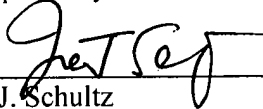
Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the above, it is applicant's contention that this application is now in proper form and clearly and patentably distinguished over the cited art. Accordingly, prompt favorable action is requested.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-0753. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 04-0753. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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